

A System of Accountability and Improvement

Sharing responsibility to ensure every student receives a high quality education

April–August, 2008

Seek public and educator input on draft concepts

June 19, 2008

SBE will hold a work session on Policy Barriers Study and State and Local Partnership Study

July 23–24, 2008

SBE will receive final Policy Barriers Study and an update on State and Local Partnership Study

September 24 & 25, 2008

SBE will receive a final report on the State and Local Partnership study
SBE will consider full proposal package; legislative and budget proposals forwarded to the Governor and Legislature

Fall–Winter 2008

SBE Symposium on priority schools with Professional Educators Standards Board and others

Quick Fact:

Just 70% of Washington students who start high school graduate four years later. For students in poverty, the percentage is only 58%.

Sharing responsibility to ensure no student falls through the cracks

In 2005, the Washington State Legislature directed the Washington State Board of Education (SBE) to create a statewide system of accountability to improve student achievement. SBE is considering:

A system of accountability with clear, appropriate indicators and measurements to monitor progress of the education system, including an annual report card on the status of school and district improvement.



A continuous improvement assistance program for all Washington schools and districts.



Criteria to identify schools and districts in which students are successful, need assistance, or consistently fail to meet state standards, and proposals to provide targeted state/local partnerships to help improve student achievement.



Working together to create a system of shared responsibility

More than 215,000 students are in schools that consistently fail to meet standards. We must all work together to help these schools improve student achievement. SBE is seeking input from educators, parents, business and community leaders, and the public to create a system of accountability that works at every level. SBE is conducting studies to better understand the policy barriers schools and educators face to providing a high quality education to all students, as well as reviewing best practices for state and local partnerships used by top-performing states and countries to help struggling schools. Together, we can ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed in postsecondary education, the 21st century world of work, and citizenship.



Today's students deserve action—not delays

SBE understands that state policy changes impact local schools and districts. We are committed to working with all partners to secure the tools and resources needed to better prepare students for success—no matter what path they choose. If we want our children to succeed, we have to prepare them TODAY for the demands of postsecondary education, the workplace, and citizenship. To learn more about the proposed system of accountability please visit, www.sbe.wa.gov.



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